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FOR DEPASSTSEC SMITH, AF, FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652 : GDS

TAGS: EAID, MP

SUBJECT: PL-480 TITLE II MAURITIUS TA-3603

REF: (A) STATE 47619; (B) PORT LOUIS 245

1. HANK COHEN SUGGESTS WE CALL TO YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION PROBLEM WE ARE HAVING IN ASSURING PL480 RICE DELIVEREIS HERE. WHILE I RECOGNIZE FULLY SUPPLY AND SHIPPING PROBLEMS INVOLVED, WE WILL BE IN DIFFICULT POSITION IF WE ARE NOT ABLE DELIVER PORT LOUIS 1,000 MT RICE BEFORE END MAY. AF/ C HAS FULL DETAILS BUT ESSENTIALLY PROBLEM ARISES BECAUSE OF DELYAS IN OUR OWN SHIPMENTS PLUS DECLINING GOM STOCKS WHICH MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR DEVELOPMENT WORKS CORPORATION BORROW FROM GOM AS IN PAST. DWC HAS ARRANGED BORROWING MEET ITS END MARCH AND END APRIL COMMITMENTS OF 300 MT EACH, BUT NO RPT NO ASSURANCE THIS CAN BE REPEATED END MAY. WE HAVE FAILED IN EFFORT INDUCE SHIP COME DIRECTLY PORT LOUIS, BUT I HOPE VESSEL' S DEPARTURE MAY BE ACCELERATED, AND STEPS TAKEN EXPEDITE TRANSSHIPMENT OPERATION DURBAN SO THIS RICE MAY ARRIVE HERE IN TIME MEET DWC END MAY ROUTINE DISTRIBUTION.

2. RELATED PROBLEM IS PROVIDING FINAL 900 MT RICE PLUS MAKING GOOD SIGNIFICANT SPOILAGE AT DURBAN ON LAST FALL' S SHIPMENT. RECENT MESSAGE FROM AID/ W SUGGESTS THAT RICE SIMPLY MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE FINAL AMOUNTS. HOWEVER, WE FIND NO RPT NO LANGUAGE IN TA-3603 WHICH MIGHT EXCUSE ANY FAILURE ON OUR
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PART FULLY SMPLEMENT WHAT SEEMS TO US A FORMAL GOVERNMENT- TO-
GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE 3900 MT RICE THIS FY. GOM
OBVIOUSLY PARTICULARLY COUNTING ON THESE DELIVERIES DURING THIS
TIME RICE STRINGENCY HERE.

3. YOU WILL RECALL IN THIS CONNECTION NUMBER OF FAVORABLE
ACTIONS GOM HAS TAKEN DURING PAST YEAR AT OUR REQUEST. IN
PARTICULAR, PRIMIN' S HELPFULNESS RE TERRORISM ISSUE AND OTHER
MATTERS AT LAST FALL' S UNGA PROMPTED PERSONAL MESSAGE APPRECIATION
FROM THE SECRETARY.
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